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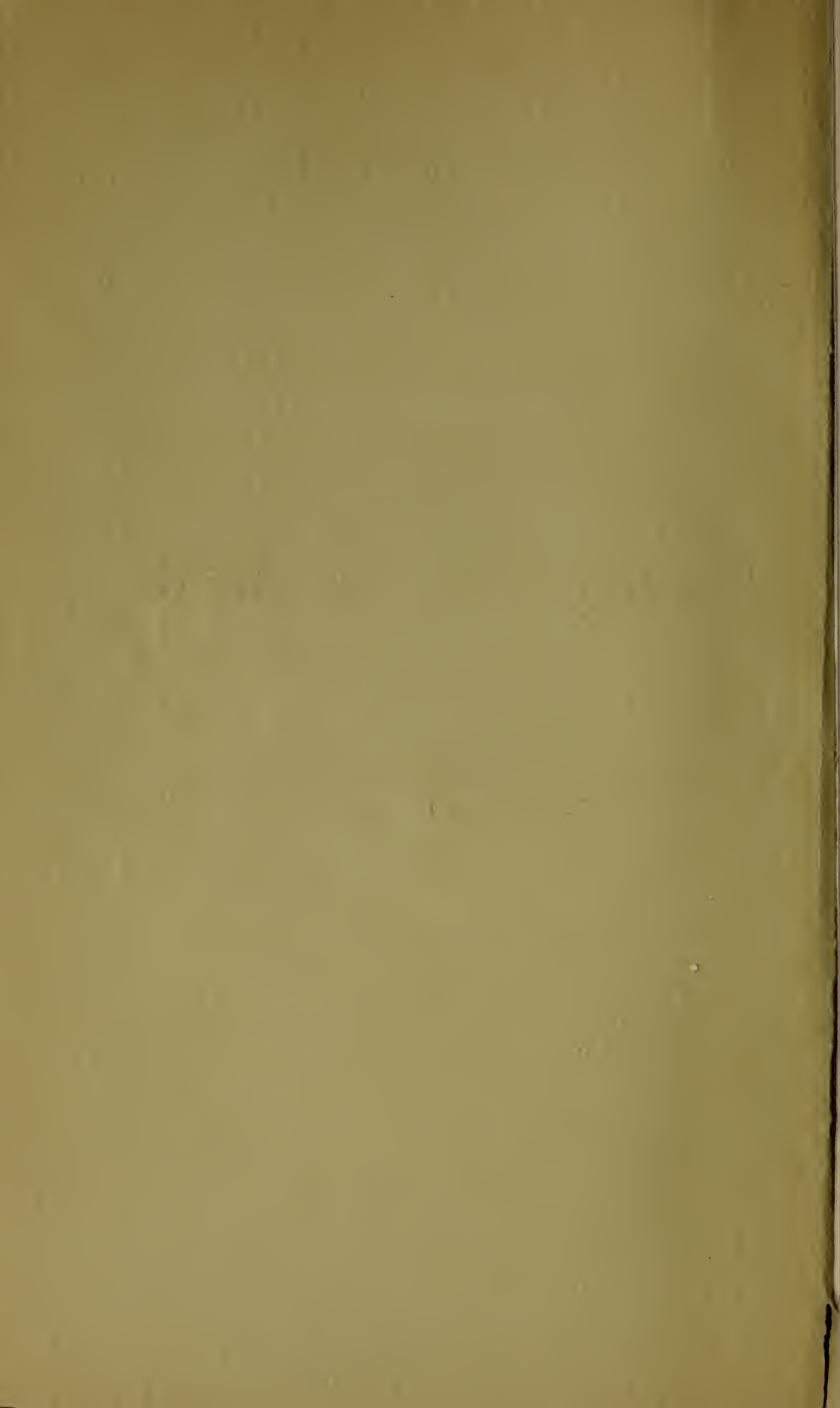
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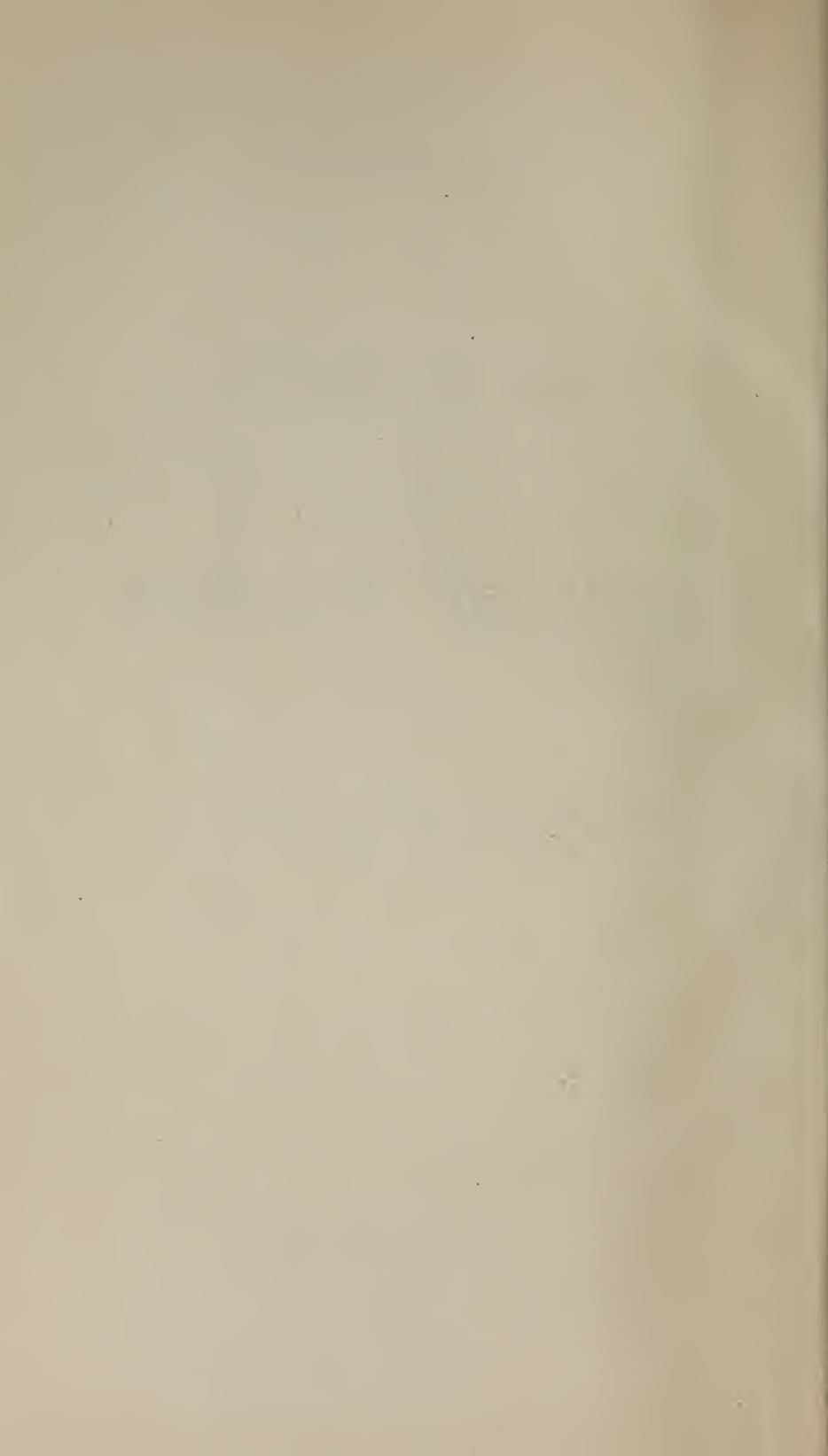
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# TOWN WARRANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.  
HAMPDEN,

To H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable of the Town of Palmer*, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 21st day of March, current, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee and other Town Officers.

ART. 4. To determiné the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 7. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 10. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lockup and tramp room.

ART. 12. To vote by ballot, which shall be yes or no in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a Board of Health.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 15. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 16. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 17. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 18. To hear the report of the Soldiers' Committee and act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will accept and allow a townway as laid out by the Selectmen, in the Depot Village, commencing at the corner of land now or formerly of George H. Stark on Pine street, and running in an easterly direction to or near the top of the hill.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, relating to the election of Overseers of the Poor.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to change the time of holding the annual meeting to the first Monday of April each year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, the same being an act to provide for precinct voting in towns.

ART. 24. To see if the town will grant permission that the following described tract of land may be used for purpose of burial, to-wit: A tract of about ten acres, situate near "Four Corners," and bound northerly by the road from Four Corners to Three Rivers; easterly by land formerly of one Knowlton; southerly by a line running from the westerly corner of said Knowlton's land to a white oak tree, and from thence in same direction to center of pond; thence at right angles with said southerly line to said road.

ART. 25. To see if the town will instruct the Historical Committee to procure the services of a competent person to prepare a history of the town, and make an appropriation for the same.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, toward building an approach from Commercial street, in the Depot Village, to the westerly end of the Boston and Albany Railroad depot, and raise money for the same.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take toward appropriating money to construct a bridge across the Boston and Albany Railroad in the Depot Village of Palmer, to connect Pearl street, formerly Bridge street, with South Main street, near the residence of John Feeney.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to erect a Soldiers' Memorial and Library building in memory of the soldiers of the town who served in the war of the rebellion.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay out on the sidewalks in the villages of the town.

ART. 30. To see if the town will accept a road as laid out by their Selectmen in Three Rivers, and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly side of the road leading to Thorndike at a stone bound about fifteen feet easterly of the Fred Ruggles house; thence running north 14 degrees, 45 minutes west 1073½

feet to a bound; thence easterly at right angles with the last described line 736 feet to a bound; thence south 14 degrees, 45 minutes east 1073½ feet to the highway.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and intrust the same to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, according to the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of the year 1885.

ART. 33. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the celebration of Memorial Day.

The polls will be opened at 10 o'clock a. m. and closed at 2 o'clock p. m. The names of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committees and Constables who are voted for, must be all on one ballot. Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hand this tenth day of March, A. D. 1887.

SAMUEL H. HELLYAR,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSEPH KERIGAN,	
H. E. W. CLARK,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Palmer.</i>

A Copy. Attest:

H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1886.

For Support of poor, . . . .	\$ 4,000.00
Highways, . . . .	3,500.00
Bridges, . . . .	1,500.00
Railways, . . . .	200.00
Contingencies, . . . .	2,500.00
Memorial Day, . . . .	100.00
Cemeteries, . . . .	500.00
Grading Pine street, . . . .	100.00
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	\$12,400.00
School teachers' salaries, . . . .	\$10,000.00
Fuel for school houses, . . . .	1,000.00
Care of school houses, . . . .	600.00
Repairs of school houses, . . . .	800.00
Text-books and supplies, . . . .	1,000.00
Contingencies, schools, . . . .	700.00
Salary of school committee, . . . .	600.00
Traveling expenses of scholars, . . . .	400.00
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	\$15,100.00
County tax, . . . .	3,008.60
State tax, . . . .	2,160.00
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	\$32,668.60
Overlay on tax, . . . .	273.64
Non-resident bank tax, . . . .	1,753.88
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Amount on Collector's book, . . . .	\$34,696.12

### VALUATION, 1886.

Personal estate, . . . .	\$ 831,418.00
Real estate, . . . .	1,749,695.00
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	\$2,581,113.00



Number of polls,	.	.	.	1,371
Tax on each poll,	.	.	.	\$2.00
Rate per \$1,000,	.	.	.	\$13.90

DAVID KNOX,  
T. D. POTTER,  
JEREMIAH DUTTON, } *Assessors of Palmer.*

PALMER, July 20, 1886.

GEO. W. ELY, *Collector, in account with the Town of Palmer:*

Amount committed to Collector on tax book for 1886,	\$34,696.07
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$30,187.87
Discount on taxes paid on or before September, 1st, 1886,	1,818.37
	<u>\$32,006.24</u>
Balance due the town,	\$2,689.83

E. J. WOOD, *in account with the Town of Palmer:*

Balance due the Town, March 4, 1886,	\$2,537.72
Interest collected,	70.24
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$1,749.49
Abatement of taxes,	288.52
Amount due the Town,	569.95
	<u>\$2,607.96</u>
	\$2,607.96

E. J. WOOD, *Collector for 1885.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 7TH, 1887.

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Balance in the Treasury March 2d, 1886,	\$1,056.30
Received of Palmer Savings Bank (borrowed),	5,500.00
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	959.57
National Bank tax,	253.21
State aid,	380.00
Support State paupers,	29.38
Burial State paupers,	60.00
Medical examination,	20.00
Income Mass. school fund,	229.97
County Treasurer, Lock-up fees,	48.50
Dog tax,	343.32
C. B. Fisk, Sewer entrance fee,	25.00
G. W. Randall, Auctioneer's license,	2.00
J. A. Palmer, Auctioneer's license,	2.00
Circus license,	10.00
City of Fitchburg,	103.99
City of Lowell,	285.10
Town of West Springfield,	230.14
Town of Wilbraham,	60.00
Town of Ware,	120.25
Town of Millbury,	22.50
Town of Westfield,	3.50
Town of Chicopee,	7.30
Town of Brookfield,	7.00
Town of Brimfield,	105.16
Town of Belchertown,	57.78
Town of Ludlow,	15.00
Interest on Merrick fund,	34.34
Interest on Thompson fund,	38.42
G. D. Green, removing brush from road-	

side, . . . . .	\$7.25
G. A. Murdock, for old boards sold, . . . . .	.50
H. A. Smith, school books sold, . . . . .	5.00
S. H. Hellyar, potatoes sold, . . . . .	1.40
S. H. Hellyar, cash received for board of Mr. and Mrs. Olds, . . . . .	10.00
Jos. Kerigan, old plank sold, . . . . .	1.50
James Sharp, rent of school lot, Three Rivers, . . . . .	5.00
Town of Monson, . . . . .	195.16
Liquor licenses, . . . . .	4,079.00
E. J. Wood, taxes, 1885, . . . . .	1,749.49
G. W. Ely, taxes, 1886, . . . . .	30,187.87
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	\$46,251.90

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Palmer Savings Bank (borrowed), . . . . .	\$5,500.00
Palmer Savings Bank, Interest, . . . . .	291.30
State Treasurer, State tax, . . . . .	2,160.00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax, . . . . .	1,568.96
State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ amount received for liquor licenses, . . . . .	1,019.75
County Treasurer, County tax, . . . . .	3,008.60
State and Military Aid, . . . . .	404.50
Order of previous board Selectmen to J. W. Weeks for damage to carriage, . . . . .	20.00
Selectmen's orders, . . . . .	15,787.47
School Committee's orders, . . . . .	14,648.81
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	\$44,409.39

Total receipts, . . . . .	\$46,251.90
Total expenditures, . . . . .	44,409.39
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Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$1,842.51

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHAW, *Treasurer.*

The Soldiers' Monument Fund on deposit in the Palmer Savings Bank now amounts to \$5,426.49.

## Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

### SUPPORT OF THE POOR ON POOR FARM.

The Overseers would respectfully make report that the present condition of the Town Farm is exceptionally good. The land has been brought up to a much higher state of cultivation, the fences put in excellent condition, and the buildings repaired and remodeled, making them much more convenient and comfortable. The house has been occupied by the poor to its fullest capacity, thus obliging us to support many outside who otherwise might have been taken to the farm.

#### Appropriation, \$4000.

H. S. Randolph, salary to April 1st, 1887,	.	.	\$324.99
C. M. Stevens, salary to April 1st, 1886,	.	.	17.97
Brooks Bros., barbed wire and supplies for poor farm,	.	.	35.06
A. M. Bond, repairs at poor farm,	.	.	3.92
O. C. Marey, taking paupers to poor farm,	.	.	4.00
J. D. Sawyer, soap for poor farm,	.	.	10.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished for poor farm,	.	.	14.50
D. A. Calkins, washing machine for poor farm,	.	.	7.00
William Kurtz, repairing harness for poor farm,	.	.	4.05
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods for poor farm,	.	.	87.19
F. C. Hatch, fish for poor farm,	.	.	3.71
Alfred Trumble, repairing farm implements,	.	.	21.15
J. B. Hyland, M. D., medical services to Aug. 1, 1886,	.	.	16.67
E. Goods, repairing shoes for poor farm,	.	.	8.00

Loomis Brothers, door and window screens for poor farm,	\$9.00
C. A. Brown & Co., labor and goods for poor farm,	86.00
Fosket & Holbrook, grain and flour for poor farm,	108.90
F. F. Marcy, plank for poor farm,	1.55
The Palmer Journal, three years' subscription for poor farm,	5.25
H. S. Randolph, cow for poor farm,	38.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for poor farm,	14.89
W. R. Madison, repairs at poor farm,	42.69
E. C. Sexton, painting at poor farm,	12.63
C. L. Saunders, repairing harness for poor farm,	10.20
Susie E. Powers, labor at poor farm,	14.00
E. S. Brooks, eye glasses and repairs for poor farm,	1.50
M. J. Dillon, plastering at poor farm,	11.75
J. B. Shaw, merchandise for poor farm,	105.98
A. E. Park, merchandise for poor farm,	16.84
W. S. Whiting, sawing lumber for poor farm,	3.00
Clark & Hastings, meat and provisions for poor farm,	55.06
F. F. Marcy, lumber for town farm,	1.93
Fosket & Holbrook, merchandise for poor farm,	106.10
Foster & Gamwell, merchandise for poor farm,	1.75
George A. Bills, meat and provisions for poor farm,	15.90
Estate of Joseph Thompson, merchandise for poor farm,	140.85
Ed. Goodes, boots and shoes for poor farm,	16.50
G. C. Ellis, merchandise for poor farm,	19.35
Loomis Bros., chairs for poor farm,	1.80
Walter Winter, horse-shoeing and repairs for poor farm,	18.55
O. P. Allen, medicines for poor farm,	8.44
F. D. Barton, glasses for inmate at town farm,	1.00
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	\$1,427.62

## INVENTORY AT POOR FARM.

March 1st, 1887,	\$1,795.18
March 1st, 1886,	1,851.64
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	\$56.46

Whole number of tramps at tramp room for the year from March 1st, 1886, to March 1st, 1887, 255.

## POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

We would report for this department that there seems to be a constant and increasing demand for help; hardly a day in the year passes without one or more demands for assistance being received.

We have exercised our best judgment in the discrimination of the truly needy, and have aided those only whom we considered deserving and in actual want.

## POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

G. B. Clark, for support of Charles Walters, . . . . .	\$47.14
Dr. William Holbrook, medical attendance on Henry Shaw family, . . . . .	17.50
Dr. William Holbrook, medical attendance on Austin family, . . . . .	2.00
Dr. William Holbrook, medical attendance on Wright family, . . . . .	13.00
Mrs. Mary A. Taylor, care and support of Charles Merriam, . . . . .	106.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Charles Shaw, . . . . .	5.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Jasper Rogers, . . . . .	33.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Mrs. Mary Marcell, . . . . .	5.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished John Austin, . . . . .	3.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Mrs. L. Matthews, . . . . .	5.00
Dr. W. H. Stowe, medical attendance on Chas. Walters, . . . . .	22.50
Dr. W. H. Stowe, medical attendance on Charles Merriam, . . . . .	133.47
Dr. W. H. Stowe, medical attendance on Jasper Rogers, . . . . .	40.50
W. R. Milligan, shoes for Charles Walters, . . . . .	3.50
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished Charles Walters, . . . . .	11.25
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished Josephine R. Wheeler, . . . . .	2.80
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished Mrs. L. E. Madison, . . . . .	2.00
S. and M. A. Morse, support of Charles Walters, . . . . .	18.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Sullivan family, . . . . .	84.85
Mr. McHugh, rent of house for Jasper Rogers, . . . . .	10.00



Timothy Lynes, support of Mrs. Hayes,	\$84.70
Clark & Hastings, provisions to Jasper Rogers,	13.00
G. A. Murdock, goods furnished H. Shaw,	5.00
Alfred Trumble, support of Horatio Slater,	18.00
G. A. Murdock, goods furnished Jasper Rogers,	4.00
Mrs. Lottie Naylor, care of Mrs. Frank Bemis,	45.00
Mrs. O. D. Taplin, care of Mrs. Frank Bemis,	18.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. Frank Bemis,	7.09
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. H. F. Bliss,	7.72
J. B. Shaw, goods furnished Mrs. Levi Johnson,	4.00
S. H. Hellyar, goods furnished Mrs. Frank Bemis,	3.45
Mrs. O. D. Taplin, board of nurse for Mrs. Frank Bemis,	21.00
Estate of Joseph Thompson, goods to Mrs. F. Blair,	10.00
Estate of Joseph Thompson, goods to Mrs. Levi Johnson,	2.00
Geo. A. Bills, goods to Mrs. F. Blair,	4.00
E. Goodes, goods to Mrs. F. Blair,	6.00
Mrs. O. D. Taplin, care of Mrs. Frank Bemis,	17.00
Dr. G. H. Wilkins, attendance on Mrs. Frank Bemis,	85.50
Joseph Kerigan, expenses looking up Mrs. Bemis' settlement,	15.00
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	\$935.97

## STATE PAUPERS.

John Moynahan, coffin for Mrs. Lucy Coto,	\$10.00
John Moynahan, coffin for Delia Lamotte,	10.00
John Moynahan, coffin for Samuel Morin,	10.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin and services for N. Cooney,	20.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Peter Laselle,	10.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for Andrew Young,	12.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin for John Bambe,	5.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Ellen Sheehan,	13.29
Jacob Briere, care of Delia Lamotte,	34.00
Dr. M. H. Davis, attendance on Delia Lamotte,	32.40
J. F. Holbrook, coal for George Anderson,	5.00
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished George Anderson,	1.00
Dr. M. H. Davis, attendance on George Anderson,	27.17
Rev. F. W. Betts, aid furnished Mrs. Mary Murphy,	2.00
P. P. Potter, rent for Joseph Come,	6.00
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	\$197.86

## POOR OF THIS TOWN.

Thomas Griffin, care of Mary Dewire, . . .	\$ 4.00
Maurice McKelligott, care of Mary Dewire, . . .	8.00
J. Chapin Warner, care of Eleanor Thompson, . . .	51.91
City of Holyoke, care of Mrs. Patrick Carney, . . .	18.05
City of Holyoke, care of John Lynch, . . .	4.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mary Mason, . . .	20.93
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Margaret Finnerty, . . .	25.78
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. Susan Gaffney, . . .	10.50
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Patrick Watts, . . .	3.75
C. D. Holbrook, aid rendered W. G. French and wife, . .	1.80
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Mary Dewire,	163.04
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Abby A. Lyles, . . .	127.86
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of James Sullivan, . . .	184.08
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Harriet Gerald,	186.80
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Mary Curran,	102.63
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Joanna Daily,	81.40
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Daniel Dewire,	33.14
M. C. Morey, care lockup and tramp room, . . .	106.96
Moriarty and Sullivan, goods furnished James and Mary Murphy, . . .	60.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished E. Camerlin and wife, . .	67.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Ellen Cronin, . . .	18.00
H. T. Bishop, wood and coal to Mrs. Daniel Brosnan, . .	5.00
H. T. Bishop, wood and coal to Mrs. D. Fleming, . . .	9.50
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished John Lynch, . . .	40.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished James Murphy and wife,	6.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished Ellen Sullivan, . . .	3.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished Kate Fenton, . . .	3.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished Mary Flaherty, . . .	5.80
C. L. Holden, goods furnished Mary Sheehan, . . .	3.00
C. L. Holden, goods furnished Mrs. George Evans, . .	3.45
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Michael Dillon, . . .	65.17
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Mary O'Connor, . . .	36.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Ellen Sullivan, . . .	33.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Mary Sheehan, . . .	27.00



Jerry Shea, goods furnished Kate Fenton, . . .	\$33.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished John Griffin, . . .	9.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Mary O'Brien, . . .	9.00
Town of Hampden, care of Mrs. Mary Orcutt, . . .	25.50
Joseph Kerigan, expenses taking Connor boy twice to Perkins Institute for Blind, . . .	18.00
Joseph Kerigan, expenses taking F. Hibbard and T. Cunningham to Tewksbury, . . .	13.35
Joseph Kerigan, expenses to Ware and Warren on account of Charles Merriam, . . .	3.50
Joseph Kerigan, expenses to Hampden on account of Mrs. Orcutt, . . .	2.00
Joseph Kerigan, wood delivered to Mrs. Margaret Finnerty, . . .	10.00
Joseph Kerigan, expense bringing Frank Cooley from Worcester to Poor Farm, . . .	7.25
Joseph Kerigan, wood delivered to Patrick Watts, . . .	5.50
Town of Southbridge, support of Mrs. Phebe L. Place, . . .	5.25
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished Mrs. Charles Hastings, . . .	3.00
S. H. Hellyar & Co., goods furnished Mrs. Margaret Finnerty, . . .	2.96
S. H. Hellyar, expenses to Northampton Lunatic Asylum, . . .	3.67
S. H. Hellyar, car fare of four paupers to Boston, . . .	7.60
S. H. Hellyar, car fare of Mrs. Huntington to Willimantic, Ct., . . .	1.30
S. H. Hellyar, car fare of Frank Flanders to Worcester, . . .	.95
S. H. Hellyar, car fare of Josephine R. Wilson to Springfield and return, . . .	.78
S. H. Hellyar, car fare of Joseph Bresaw to State Line, . . .	1.78
Loomis Brothers, coffin, box, cooler and services for burying Mrs. C. Hastings, . . .	29.50
Mrs. E. Harvey, care of Mrs. Charles Hastings, . . .	69.50
Town of Ware, aid to Lewis A. Brown and family, . . .	10.16
Jason A. Palmer, taking Mary Dewire to Northampton, . . .	5.00
Town of Warren, support of Tuffield Gokey and family, . . .	86.07
City of Springfield, support of Frank Hale's family, . . .	14.90
City of Springfield, burial expenses of daughter of Frank Hale, . . .	10.00

City of Springfield, support of Mrs. Lizzie Sheehan, .	\$1.50
E. B. Murdock, goods furnished Mrs. Michael Dewire, .	23.37
E. B. Murdock, goods furnished Mrs. Hurlihy, .	40.81
O. P. Allen, truss for E. Camerlin, . . .	2.50
G. C. Ellis, goods furnished J. Sheehan, . . .	49.48
G. C. Ellis, goods furnished lockup and tramp room, .	9.78
Clark & Hastings, provisions to E. Camerlin and wife, .	30.00
Clark & Hastings, provisions to Mrs. Hutchinson, .	6.00
Clark & Hastings, provisions to John Foster for Goodrow children, . . . . .	25.00
A. E. Park, goods furnished W. J. Hill, . . .	5.00
Perkins' Institute for the Blind, clothing for Mary Callahan, . . . . .	12.67
City of Boston, care of Thomas O'Connor, . . .	17.00
Town of Pelham, support of Albert Bacon's grandchild, .	90.00
O. A. Parent, goods furnished John Foster for Goodrow children, . . . . .	15.00
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for George Smith's child, .	5.00
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for James Thompson, . . .	14.00
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for child of Peter Shortsleeve, .	5.00
J. J. Moynahan, coffin for Peter Shortsleeve, . . .	10.00
J. E. Langlois, goods furnished Peter Shortsleeve, .	14.44
Porter Plympton, milk furnished James Sheehan, .	11.00
Ruby B. Sharp, underclothes furnished M. A. Thayer, .	1.80
J. A. Wright, goods furnished John Austin, . . .	5.00
J. A. Wright, goods furnished Mrs. George Evans, .	27.00
Town of Chicopee, aid to Mrs. Joseph Mayott and child, .	25.50
Town of Chicopee, aid to William McCarty's family, .	96.00
H. E. W. Clark, expense transferring paupers from Northampton, . . . . .	7.55
O. D. Wells, milk furnished James Sheehan, . . .	6.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, support of Dennis Bennett at Northampton, . . . . .	84.50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, support of Lizzie Cross at Industrial School, . . . . .	32.71
George Mooers, teams for Mrs. Charles Hastings, .	2.25
H. P. Longley, goods furnished Mary Mason, . . .	5.00
W. R. Milligan, boots for Mrs. Susan Gaffney, . .	2.00
H. A. Northrop, taking paupers to Boston, . . .	10.00

J. B. Shaw, goods furnished Mrs. J. Hutchinson,	40.00
J. B. Shaw, goods furnished Mary Mason,	8.00
J. B. Shaw, goods furnished Mrs. Whalen,	10.00
J. B. Shaw, goods furnished Mrs. M. Dwyer,	24.00
A. E. Park, goods furnished P. Watts,	6.25
A. L. Haynes, coal furnished Mrs. Mary Whalen,	6.00
City of Springfield, care of Timothy Cronin,	14.30
Town of Warren, care of Alfred Bonville,	14.67
Charles Bengle, goods furnished John Lynch,	6.00
Trudeau and Rivers, goods furnished Louis Dupree,	3.00
J. A. Wright, goods furnished Mr. and Mrs. George Evans,	13.00
H. T. Bishop, goods furnished Mr. and Mrs. George Evans,	6.00
Clark & Hastings, goods furnished Mrs. D. Fleming,	2.00
Clark & Hastings, goods furnished George Evans,	2.00
Clark & Hastings, goods furnished John Lynch,	10.00
Jerry Shea, goods furnished Mary Sheehan,	6.00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. Colgrove,	7.50
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of tramp room and lockup,	180.00
Estate of Joseph Thompson, goods furnished Mrs. M. Dwyer,	13.00
S. H. Hellyar, transferring paupers out of town,	6.00
George A. Bills, goods furnished J. Sheehan,	12.00
George A. Bills, goods furnished William Mason,	2.00
Loomis Brothers, coffin to J. Lafleur,	10.00
G. C. Ellis, goods furnished for lockup and tramp room,	10.05
Town of Ware, aid rendered Lewis Brown family,	31.45
J. Keefe & Co., aid rendered Lewis Brown family,	8.35
Joseph Kerigan, out of town expense for poor,	41.00
S. H. Hellyar, expense paid for poor,	1.00
Joseph Kerigan, wood to William Mason,	4.50
City of New Bedford, aid rendered Michael Prindible,	7.60
S. H. Hellyar, services as Overseer of the Poor,	150.00
Joseph Kerigan, services as Overseer of the Poor,	135.00
H. E. W. Clark, services as overseer of the Poor,	100.00
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	\$3,491.60

Poor belonging to other towns,	.	.	.	935.97
State paupers,	.	.	.	197.86

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\$4,625.43

Received from the State,	.	.	.	\$109.38
Received from Town of West Springfield,	.	.	.	230.14
Received from Town of Brookfield,	.	.	.	7.00
Received from Town of Monson,	.	.	.	3.50
Received from Town of Chicopee,	.	.	.	7.30
Received from City of Fitchburg,	.	.	.	103.99
Received from Town of Ware,	.	.	.	120.25
Received from Town of Belchertown,	.	.	.	57.78
Received from Town of Millbury,	.	.	.	22.50
Received from City of Lowell,	.	.	.	285.10
Received from Town of Brimfield,	.	.	.	105.16
Received from Town of Ludlow,	.	.	.	15.00
Received from Town of Westfield,	.	.	.	3.50

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\$1,070.60

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\$3,554.83

SAMUEL H. HELLYAR,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
JOSEPH KERIGAN,		
H. E. W. CLARK,		

## Report of the Selectmen.

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In presenting this Report of the expenditures and doings of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1887, the opportunity is taken to congratulate the town that the year just closed has been one of quiet prosperity, the troubles arising from business and labor, which have and are affecting the interests of other communities so largely, have been but a ripple here. The expenditures of the town may perhaps seem large to many, yet we find in comparison with other towns adjoining us, that our ratio of expense to valuation and population is much smaller than any. We have paid out considerable on bridges, but a large proportion of this expense was for repairs previous to this fiscal year. The condition of the bridges at the present time is good, and the probability is that they will require no large outlay for some time to come. The roads we consider are better in general than they have been for some time, with the exception perhaps of a few localities. We have endeavored to make good roads as far as we went, but owing to the smallness of the appropriation but little new road building can be done aside from keeping them all passable. We would recommend an increase in the appropriation for



this department, also that a special appropriation be made for putting in culverts and raising the road near both the Fay and Hastings bridges, thus obviating quite a large annual expense in these localities.

### HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, \$3,500.

Patrick F. Hurley, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 7,	\$ 75.75
Calvin Blodgett, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 8,	136.45
John F. Twiss, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 2,	434.50
Edward McKelligott, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 3,	523.25
Edward McKelligott, for labor on highway, near carpet mill,	25.87
J. F. Holbrook, labor on highway, Dist. No. 12,	271.60
H. Hubert, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 12,	6.00
T. Moran, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 12,	27.00
W. M. Green, for labor on highway, Dist. 12,	60.00
F. G. Calkins, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 12,	12.25
William H. Bush, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 12,	11.25
George A. Griffin, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 4,	589.10
Charles Upham, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 4,	2.35
Thomas Lynes, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 4,	3.00
William Nelson, gravel for highway, Dist. No. 4,	10.00
Loomis Brothers, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 4,	1.50
H. M. Kendall, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 5,	73.88
O. D. Wells, shoveling snow, Dist. No. 5,	1.20
Charles Fossman, shoveling snow, Dist. No. 5,	.50
Patrick Leary, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 11,	366.15
Frank Miller, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 6,	81.30
R. S. Hastings, Jr., for labor on highway, Dist. No. 13,	106.75
Samuel Brown, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 1,	146.75
J. F. Kerigan, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 10,	137.00
W. D. Mason, gravel for highway, Dist. No. 3,	8.60
William Olney, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 9,	48.75
Joseph Kerigan, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	25.00
Joseph Kerigan, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	20.00
M. J. Dillon, hardening highway, Dist. No. 4,	15.70
Edward McKelligott, clearing up brush from highway,	7.25

Joseph Kerigan, for the following persons :

Edward McKelligott, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	37.00
M. Dillon, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	37.00
M. Moloney, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	10.00
Maurice Prindible, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	6.00
Edward McKelligott, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	13.50
Daniel Crowley, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	6.00
Michael McKelligott, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	6.00
P. Burns, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	12.38
J. Kelliher, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	3.37
C. Harrington, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	1.50
William Brooks, making plow-beam and whiffletree,	3.75
Michael Woods, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	12.00
P. Burns, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	13.50
Jerry Downey, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	11.25
Thomas Lyons, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	9.00
M. Sullivan, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	1.50
Samuel Brown, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	32.00
M. Dillon, grading highway, Dist. No. 3,	32.00
Frank Allen, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	21.00
E. Johnson, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.13
Jerry Crowley, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.88
Daniel Crowley, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.88
Thomas Lyons, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.88
M. Dawson, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.13
George Aspinwall, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	6.00
Dennis Sullivan, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	7.88
John Daily, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	8.10
Edward McKelligott, 2d, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	4.50
George A. Griffin, grading highway, Dist. No. 4,	19.60
George O. Henry, repairs on plow,	1.00
Paid for night lights,	.50
Daniel F. Dwyer, breaking out roads,	3.30

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\$3,586.23

Received from Town of Wilbraham, on account  
of highway, \$60.00

Received from G. D. Green, clearing up brush  
in highway, 7.25 67.25

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Total expenditure on highways, \$3,518.98

## BRIDGES.

Appropriation, \$1,500.

Joseph Kerigan, repairing bridge at West Brimfield (1885), . . . . .	\$22.72
Joseph Kerigan, building pier at Rogers' bridge, . . . . .	125.50
Joseph Kerigan, repairing Whipple and Whiting bridges, . . . . .	16.00
A. L. Haynes, labor on Three Rivers bridge (1885), . . . . .	15.18
F. F. Marcy, labor on Three Rivers bridge (1885), . . . . .	329.05
F. F. Marcy, labor on Hastings bridge (1885), . . . . .	4.95
J. F. Twiss, labor on Three Rivers bridge (1885), . . . . .	20.00
F. F. Marcy, labor on Rogers bridge. . . . .	57.87
F. F. Marcy, labor on West Brimfield bridge, . . . . .	4.24
F. F. Marcy, labor on Cooley bridge, . . . . .	287.15
F. F. Marcy, labor on Hastings bridge, . . . . .	24.31
F. F. Marcy, labor on State Avenue bridge, . . . . .	.80
F. F. Marcy, labor on Whiting bridge, . . . . .	256.96
F. F. Marcy, labor on Three Rivers bridge, . . . . .	15.15
George A. Griffin, building pier for Three Rivers bridge, . . . . .	225.00
T. D. Potter & Co., labor on Bondsville and Belcher-town bridge, . . . . .	105.46
T. D. Potter & Co., labor on Dutton bridge, . . . . .	2.09
L. Giffin, labor on Three Rivers bridge, . . . . .	5.62
S. S. Nichols, repairs on Hastings bridge, . . . . .	2.00
F. F. Marcy, plank for Three Rivers bridge, . . . . .	16.00
F. F. Marcy, repairs on iron bridge at West Brimfield, . . . . .	6.47
F. F. Marcy, repairs on Goddard bridge. . . . .	5.42
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	\$1,547.94

## SEWERS.

No Appropriation.

Daniel Shea, labor on culvert at Thorndike, . . . . .	\$ 6.75
Edward McKelligott, labor on culvert at Thorndike, . . . . .	9.50
Joseph Kerigan, stone and team on culvert at Thorndike, . . . . .	30.25
Leonard Aldrich, labor on culvert near Jones' farm, . . . . .	7.25
C. J. Leary, labor on sewer at Thorndike, . . . . .	15.00
John R. Wellman, labor on sewer at Palmer depot, . . . . .	4.00
John F. Twiss, labor on culvert at Three Rivers, . . . . .	21.25
C. A. Brown & Co., sewer pipe, . . . . .	26.14
Hitchcock & Blanchard, sewer pipe, . . . . .	28.22



Edgerton & Francis, sewer grates, . . . .	12.57
M. J. Moriarty, blacksmithing for culverts, . . . .	4.85
Edward McKelligott, labor on culvert on old Spring- field road, . . . . .	36.00
Edward McKelligott, labor on culvert at Thorndike, . . . .	50.75
Thorndike Co., stone for culverts, . . . . .	7.00
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	\$259.53

## CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation, \$2,500.

George C. Buell, services as Auditor, . . . .	\$10.00
H. G. Loomis, services as Auditor, . . . .	10.00
J. O. Hamilton, services as Register of Voters, . . . .	15.00
Joseph Thompson, services as Register of Voters, . . . .	15.00
Elisha Chase, services as Register of Voters, . . . .	15.00
Wm. Holbrook, attendance on son of Loren Reed, . . . .	5.00
S. H. Brown, freight and trucking of hose, etc., for engine, . . . . .	7.10
W. H. Brainerd, surveying road at Three Rivers, . . . .	3.00
William Nelson, caring for and lighting Fay bridge, . . . .	4.20
F. J. Nelson, caring for and lighting Fay bridge, . . . .	2.00
George W. Randall, services abating taxes for 1884, . . . .	3.00
George W. Randall, services as prosecuting agent for 1884-5, . . . . .	150.00
C. B. Fisk & Co., town reports and advertising, . . . .	141.26
O. C. Marcy, teams for town purposes, . . . .	46.25
John Hannifin, repairing road scraper, . . . .	5.25
William Kurtz, pole straps for fire engine, . . . .	4.90
O. P. Allen, for record books, . . . . .	13.50
Loomis Brothers, settees for town house, . . . .	174.58
David Knox, field book for Assessors, . . . .	7.50
F. F. Marcy, repairing fence at Town House, . . . .	64.45
T. D. Potter, services as Assessor for 1886, . . . .	150.00
Jerry Dutton, services as Assessor for 1886, . . . .	150.00
David Knox, services as Assessor for 1886, . . . .	150.00
David Knox, et als, making tax for fire district, . . . .	25.00
George O. Henry, repairs on fire engine, . . . .	7.50
A. L. Haynes, opening graves to date, . . . .	20.00
S. H. Hellyar, distributing board of health regulations, . . . .	2.75

S. H. Hellyar, paid for three keys to lockup, . . .	1.00
Stephen Place, support of water tub for 1886, . . .	5.00
George A. Griffin, moving watering tub, . . .	1.50
C. J. Leary, digging ditch and covering pipe for tub at Thorndike, . . . . .	46.50
A. M. Bond, lead pipe for watering tub at Thorndike, . .	66.19
H. J. Dill, cleaning town house and moving settees, . .	5.50
John F. Twiss, damage to hack by defective highway, . .	27.00
J. H. Tuthill, damage to William Holbrook's carriage, .	.40
Samuel Brown, supporting water tub at Palmer Town, . .	5.00
George O. Henry, bracing water pipe and tank, . . .	1.25
Taft & Kenefick, insurance on Engine House, . . .	18.75
Survetus Leach, repairing sidewalks, . . . . .	16.00
C. J. Leary, connecting water tub at depot with sewer, .	12.25
Dr. W. H. Stowe, reporting 57 births to January 1, 1887,	14.25
Dr. H. A. Smith, reporting 33 births to January 1, 1887,	8.25
J. A. Palmer, keys for lockup and tramp room, . . .	3.75
Kate O'Connor, use of settees at town house, . . .	5.00
C. A. Brown & Co., lead and drain pipe and labor, . .	65.70
George Moores, teams for town purposes, . . . . .	15.00
Joseph Kerigan, wood for town house, . . . . .	6.00
Mrs. E. N. Fay, lighting bridge and obstructing highway,	4.00
W. H. Brainerd, surveying town way near Pine Street,	2.00
Smith & Co., oil and chimneys for lighting bridge, . .	2.65
H. A. Northrop, serving town warrants and official business,	59.00
Daniel Crowley, services as truant officer, . . . . .	2.25
J. B. Shaw, record books and blanks, . . . . .	12.13
J. B. Shaw, cash paid for express, . . . . .	5.00
J. B. Shaw, recording births, marriages and deaths, . .	119.70
J. B. Shaw, services as register of voters to date, . . .	15.00
J. B. Shaw, services as treasurer to date, . . . . .	50.00
A. L. Haynes, opening graves and returning deaths, . .	14.75
David Knox, returning 22 deaths, . . . . .	5.50
David Knox, opening graves, . . . . .	42.00
David Knox, services and team with hearse, . . . . .	246.00
J. O. Hamilton, services as register of voters to date, .	15.00
David Knox, maintaining water trough, . . . . .	5.00
Clark & Hastings, for loss of swine by hog cholera. . .	42.50
H. C. Strong, for loss of swine by hog cholera, . . .	28.83

Dr. G. H. Wilkins, returning 15 births,	.	.	\$3.75
H. B. Knox, copying 3 vols. Town Records,	.	.	75.00
S. H. Hellyar, stationery and postage,	.	.	20.00
Geo. N. Stone, repairs and lighting highway,	.	.	4.25
J. K. Knox, supporting water tub,	.	.	10.00
W. E. Hancock, supporting water tub,	.	.	5.00
Wm. Kurtz, straps for fire engine,	.	.	.75
George B. Kenerson, express for fire engine,	.	.	1.30
J. J. Moynahan, returning 42 deaths,	.	.	10.50
C. L. Gardner, retainer and legal services,	.	.	71.50
S. H. Hellyar, services as selectman,	.	.	125.00
Joseph Kerigan, services as selectman,	.	.	125.00
H. E. W. Clark, services as selectman,	.	.	125.00
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			\$2,774.89

## RAILINGS.

## Appropriation, \$200.

Joseph Baker, for highway railing,	.	.	.	\$ 3.50
J. F. Kerigan, for highway railing,	.	.	.	129.00
F. F. Marcy, for highway railing,	.	.	.	2.00
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				\$134.50

## JERRY SHEA DAMAGES.

## Appropriation, \$100.

Jerry Shea, damage from high water,	.	.	.	\$100.00
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## GRADING PINE STREET.

## Appropriation, \$100.

J. F. Holbrook, for grading Pine street,	.	.	.	\$87.00
Mrs. George Hunt, repairing drive way on Pine street,	.	.	.	3.00
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				\$90.00

## NEW ROAD AT BONDSVILLE.

## Appropriation, \$450.00.

Patrick Leary, building new road at Bondsville,	.	.	.	\$170.67
Michael Griffin, labor on new road at Bondsville,	.	.	.	16.87
Maurice McKelligott, labor on new road at Bondsville,	.	.	.	27.75

Thomas Griffin, Jr., labor on new road at Bondsville, .	\$18.21
Thomas Griffin, labor on new road at Bondsville, .	15.00
William Brainerd, surveying new road at Bondsville, .	3.00
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	\$251.50

## NEW ROAD NEAR ROGERS' FARM.

Appropriation, \$75.00

Eugene Shorley, building new road near Rogers' farm, .	\$55.00
William Brainerd, surveying new road near Rogers' farm, .	15.00
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	\$56.50

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation, \$100.00.

George O. Henry, for Memorial Day expenses, .	\$100.00
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation, \$500.

F. L. Brooks, treasurer, . . . . .	\$500
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## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation, \$500.

George A. Griffin, labor on cemetery at depot village, .	18.00
F. F. Marcy, plank for cemetery at depot village, .	5.00
C. A. Brown & Co., lead pipe and labor at depot village, .	36.48
F. C. Allen, clearing up cemetery at depot village, .	10.00
A. L. Haynes, labor on Three Rivers cemetery, .	8.75
E. McKelligott, labor on Catholic cemetery, . .	17.00
M. Dawson, labor on Catholic cemetery, . .	21.00
Patrick Crowley, labor on Catholic cemetery, . .	45.50
J. F. Kerigan, labor on Catholic cemetery, . .	6.00
Samuel Brown, labor on Palmer Center cemetery, .	45.25
A. M. Bond, lead pipe for Four Corners cemetery, .	80.52
Barney Oats, labor at Four Corners cemetery, .	41.00
John Barber, labor at Four Corners cemetery, .	3.50
Palmer Water Co., labor at Depot village, . .	8.45
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	\$346.45

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due H. A. Northrop, as collector for 1884,	\$200.00
E. J. Wood, as collector for 1885,	150.00
Palmer Savings Bank,	5,142.88
Dr. Wm. Holbrook, services as Town Physician, 1885,	50.00
J. A. Palmer, for enforcing liquor licenses,	200.00
Town of Monson, on account of bridges and paupers,	60.62
Daniel Dewire, damage on account of new road at Bondsville,	45.00
Catherine Dewire, damage on account of new road at Bondsville,	75.00
Jerry Hanniffin, damage on account of new road at Bondsville,	35.00
Mrs. Rodgers, damage on account of new road at West Brimfield,	5.00
Four Selectmen's Outstanding Orders,	13.12
Three School Committees' Outstanding Orders,	25.00
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	\$6,001.62

## DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1887.

Balance in treasury,	\$1,842.51
H. A. Northrop, uncollected taxes,	200.00
E. J. Wood, uncollected taxes,	569.95
George W. Ely, uncollected taxes,	2,689.83
State Aid,	537.50
Due from State on account of State paupers,	112.93
Town of Monson,	255.78
Town of Westfield,	5.00
City of Fitchburg,	58.71
Town of Leominster,	23.90
Town of Belchertown,	1.56
Town of Millbury,	10.00
City of Lowell,	109.19
Estate of Mrs. Charles Hastings,	104.25
Town of Brimfield,	3.23
Town of Granby,	18.00
Town of Westminster,	212.04
Town of Ashby,	2.00

Due from Town of Ludlow, . . . .	\$4.00
City of Holyoke, . . . .	33.00
D. B. Bishop estate, . . . .	25.00
Horace Smith, . . . .	20.00
William Miller, rent of pest house, . .	20.00
Daniel Dewire, expense at Northampton asylum, . . . .	33.14
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	\$6,891.52

## SEWER LICENSES.

Received from C. B. Fisk, . . . .	\$25.00
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## SUMMARY.

Paid out for Support of Poor, (net) . . . .	\$4,919.22
Contingencies, . . . .	2,774.89
Highways, . . . .	3,518.98
Bridges, . . . .	1,547.94
Sewers and culverts, . . . .	259.53
Railings, . . . .	134.50
Jerry Shea, damages, . . . .	100.00
Grading Pine street, . . . .	90.00
New road at Bondsville, . . . .	251.50
New road at Rogers' farm, . . . .	56.50
Memorial Day exercises, . . . .	100.00
Library, . . . .	500.00
Cemeteries, . . . .	346.45
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	\$14,599.51

SAMUEL H. HELLYAR,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSEPH KERIGAN,	
H. E. W. CLARK,	

*of  
Palmer.*

The Selectmen would recommend the following appropriations :

Support of Poor, . . . .	\$5,000.00
Contingencies, . . . .	2,500.00
Highways, . . . .	3,500.00
Sewers and culverts, . . . .	250.00
Bridges, . . . .	1,500.00
Railings, . . . .	300.00



# Young Men's Library Association.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$192.16
Fines and catalogues, . . . . .	38.00
Town of Palmer, - . . . .	500.00
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	\$730.16

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Books, magazines and freight, . . . . .	\$313.42	
Miss Jennie Kenerson, assistant librarian, . . . . .	78.00	
Mrs. Jennie Weld, assistant librarian, . . . . .	21.00	
Miss May Robinson, assistant librarian, . . . . .	39.50	
M. W. French, rent, . . . . .	100.00	
Springfield Printing Co., rebinding, . . . . .	55.65	
Palmer Journal, labels and cards, . . . . .	16.25	
George W. Ely, insurance, . . . . .	35.00	
O. P. Allen, labor on new catalogue, . . . . .	20.00	678.82
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Balance in treasury, . . . . .		\$51.34

FRANK L. BROOKS, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

Number of volumes in Library, March 1, 1886, . . . . .	3,145
Number of volumes bought during the year, . . . . .	258
Number of volumes donated to the Library, . . . . .	31
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Total, . . . . .	3,434
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Number of volumes loaned to readers, in fiction, . . . . .	5,718
Number of volumes loaned to readers, in history, travels, etc., . . . . .	1,919
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Total, . . . . .	7,637

O. P. ALLEN, *Librarian.*

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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In accordance with duty, your Committee would respectfully report the condition of schools for the past year, with expenditure of appropriations.

We are pleased to be able to say that the year has been one of progress, in the main; the few changes made have been advantageous, and the standing of your schools is, we believe, very good — not good enough, however. How can they be improved?

We deem it of first importance that the parents should show greater interest. This would manifest itself by their insistence on prompt obedience to just and reasonable rules, and punctual attendance; also, by not allowing absence for trivial causes, and by their personal visitation.

There is, we think, no profession which requires special preparation more than that of a teacher, and we believe better school work will be done by one specially educated. It is unwise to allow locality or need to govern the selection of teachers.

The large majority of our pupils never reach the High school; hence the more practical the instruction in the lower grades, the nearer is reached the true aim of our schools.

We think the time is coming when a general system of instruction in music can be adopted with advantage to our schools, and perhaps a special teacher engaged.



The only changes made in text-books have been in the Primary Arithmetic, for a revised edition, and Writing Books, for others having better copy, with quite a saving to the town in expense. A new system of Wall Maps has been adopted and will be placed in the schools the coming term. We believe more supplemental reading could be used to advantage.

For the first time in the history of our High school it has been brought, by your wise appropriation, within reach of the whole town, and its advantages have been utilized by a larger attendance. We would most earnestly recommend a renewal of that appropriation. Those in charge have, by their wise administration and faithfulness, ably succeeded in their aim to maintain interest and emulation without the usual drawback of pernicious rivalry, as is shown in the progress made and the attendance given, which, during the Fall term, reached the remarkable average of ninety-eight per cent.

Two years ago the report of your Committee used these words: "More room is needed at the Depot Village, and the time is at hand when more room must be provided." That time has come. Several of the schools have had fifty to seventy pupils. The school laws seem to place the maximum number at fifty, and we believe that too high.

Any person giving the matter thought will see the great disadvantage a teacher would labor under when assigned more pupils than room and time would warrant, and the injustice is just as great toward the pupil. We feel that the town of Palmer will be unjust if it says, by a majority of its votes, "we are unwilling to do more toward the efficiency of our schools." The room now occupied by the High school is positively needed for the establishment of another grade and the relief of the present overcrowding. Will you not lay aside sectional feeling and give us a

building for our High school which shall be abreast of the times, and a pride to the town? Only by so doing can the school attain the standing we wish it to attain.

Our outlays have been carefully considered, and for the most part kept within the appropriations. A saving of three hundred dollars was made in the repairs at Thorndike, by having the work done by the day, under the supervision of one of the committee, rather than by contract. The building is now in better condition than for many years. Other buildings were painted and repaired as needed.

We herewith place before you the statement of expenditures.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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### SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

H. B. Knox,	.	.	.	.	\$1,150.00
Eva E. Kenerson,	.	.	.	.	461.25
					<hr/> \$1,611.25

#### DEPOT.

Maggie A. Sullivan,	.	.	.	.	\$346.00
Ida A. Taft,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Minnie S. Burleigh,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Abbie J. Wallis,	.	.	.	.	315.00
					<hr/> \$1,291.00

#### THORNDIKE.

Charles E. Mongan,	.	.	.	.	\$150.00
C. F. Bosworth,	.	.	.	.	300.00
Jennie R. Williston,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Mary E. Murdock,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Nellie H. Searle,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Addie C. Dickinson,	.	.	.	.	105.00
Effie Smith,	.	.	.	.	210.00
					<hr/> \$1,710.00

#### THREE RIVERS.

E. G. Ward,	.	.	.	.	\$510.00
Sarah E. Ward,	.	.	.	.	210.00
Frances Beauregard,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Nellie J. L. Chamberlain,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Clara M. Smith,	.	.	.	.	315.00
Kate L. Webb,	.	.	.	.	105.00
Helen L. Robinson,	.	.	.	.	315.00
					<hr/> \$2,085.00

## BONDSVILLE.

H. A. Smith for J. P. Arnold,	.	.	\$ 12.50
P. N. Nunn,	.	.	137.50
H. M. Sedgwick,	.	.	300.00
L. B. Ely,	.	.	315.00
Laura T. Shumway,	.	.	315.00
Effie M. Herrick,	.	.	210.00
Nellie C. Holdridge,	.	.	105.00
			<hr/> \$1,395.00

## UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Inez Burleigh, Wire Mill,	.	.	\$ 90.00
Hattie M. Blanchard, Wire Mill,	.	.	180.00
			<hr/> \$ 270.00
Hattie M. Blanchard, Blanchardville,	.	.	\$ 90.00
S. S. Taft for Jennie M. Crook, Blanchardville,	.	.	10.75
Alice E. Abbe, Blanchardville,	.	.	169.25
			<hr/> \$ 270.00
Ella C. Washburn, Center,	.	.	\$ 90.00
Bertha G. Randall, Center,	.	.	180.00
			<hr/> \$ 270.00
Annie E. Olney, Shorley,	.	.	\$ 84.00
Nellie Mack, Shorley,	.	.	168.00
			<hr/> \$ 252.00
Effie Smith, Shaw,	.	.	\$ 84.00
Ella C. Washburn, Shaw,	.	.	84.00
Ernest Shaw, Shaw,	.	.	84.00
			<hr/> \$ 252.00
Cora Brown, Mason,	.	.	\$ 252.00
E. M. Sprague, Whiting,	.	.	\$ 90.00
Addie C. Hamilton,	.	.	180.00
			<hr/> \$ 270 00
			<hr/> \$9,928.25

## FUEL.

J. F. Holbrook, Depot, . . .	\$158.75
J. F. Holbrook, Blanchardville, . .	21.50
J. F. Holbrook, Wire Mill, . . .	17.75
J. F. Holbrook, Three Rivers, . . .	205.27
Michael Kinnevan, wood, Mason, . .	23.00
T. D. Potter, coal, Bondsville, . .	59.30
Brian O'Rourke, wood, Blanchardville and Depot, . . . . .	18.75
Horace C. Smith, wood, Center, . . .	14.00
Dennis Mahoney, wood, Shorley, . .	14.00
Ernest Shaw, wood, Shaw, . . . .	25.00
Thorndike Co., kindling, Thorndike, .	2.75
J. O. Hamilton, wood, Whiting, . . .	22.00
	<hr/> \$ 582.07

## CARE OF HOUSES.

Nelson Whiton, Depot, . . . . .	\$116.66
H. B. Knox, Depot, . . . . .	50.00
Susan Gaffney, Depot, . . . . .	3.00
Mrs. John Doyle, Depot, . . . . .	3.00
C. E. Mongan, Thorndike, . . . . .	20.00
C. F. Bosworth, Thorndike, . . . . .	36.00
G. D. Reilly, Thorndike, . . . . .	24.50
C. W. Minot, Three Rivers, . . . . .	50.00
C. S. Ruggles, Three Rivers, . . . . .	100.00
Ed McKelligott, Bondsville, . . . .	2.00
P. N. Nunn, Bondsville, . . . . .	20.00
H. M. Sedgwick, Bondsville, . . . .	40.00
Inez Burleigh, Wire Mill, . . . . .	5.00
Lewis Chalk, Blanchardville, . . . .	5.00
Mabel F. Brown, Center, . . . . .	17.00
P. J. Mahoney, Shorley, . . . . .	20.00
Calvin Hastings, Whiting, . . . . .	4.50
Henry J. Dill, Whiting, . . . . .	4.70
Mrs. Allen, Blanchardville, . . . . .	3.00
H. M. Blanchard, Wire Mill, . . . . .	10.00
Nellie Rourke, Mason, . . . . .	14.00
Lizzie M. Shaw, Blanchardville, . .	10.00
Ernest Shaw, Shaw, . . . . .	10.00
B. O'Rourke, Mason, . . . . .	1.00
	<hr/> \$ 569.36

## REPAIRS.

Silas Ruggles, Three Rivers,	.	.	\$15.02
Hitchcock & Blanchard, Three Rivers,	.	.	2.82
P. S. Trumble, Three Rivers,	.	.	5.00
Palmer Mill,	.	.	4.15
F. F. Marcy, Depot,	.	.	16.59
Brooks Bros., Depot,	.	.	17.74
E. C. Sexton, Depot,	.	.	3.00
C. A. Brown & Co., Depot,	.	.	10.79
Canterbury Bros., Bondsville,	.	.	38.00
H. A. Smith, Bondsville,	.	.	19.15
Boston Duck Co., Bondsville,	.	.	4.00
F. A. Canterbury, Bondsville,	.	.	42.18
C. E. Shumway, Bondsville,	.	.	26.17
T. D. Potter & Co., Bondsville,	.	.	20.65
Geo. D. Whiting, Thorndike,	.	.	137.00
Thorndike Co., Thorndike,	.	.	66.55
Samuel Brown, Center,	.	.	2.96
N. K. Rogers, Mason,	.	.	21.50
M. J. Dillon, Mason,	.	.	7.95
W. S. Taylor, wire mill,	.	.	1.50
Ernest Shaw, Shaw,	.	.	4.50
Silas Ruggles, for Page Steam Heating Co.,			
Three Rivers,	.	.	101.71
F. D. Barton, Depot,	.	.	2.25
Henry J. Dill, Thorndike,	.	.	1.90
C. S. Ruggles, Three Rivers,	.	.	2.00
John St. John,	.	.	5.00
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			\$580.13

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.—THORNDIKE.

N. Aikin,	.	.	.	303.02
T. D. Potter & Co.,	.	.	.	396.98
Edgerton & Francis,	.	.	.	46.14
Brooks Bros.,	.	.	.	67.66
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				\$813.80

## TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Harper Bros.,	\$81.50
S. S. Taft, for Whitney & Adams,	9.68
Lee & Shepard,	25.00
S. S. Taft, for Thompson, Brown & Co.,	25.75
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	46.16
Wm. Ware & Co.,	137.09
S. S. Taft, for Wm. Ware & Co.,	46.00
Warren P. Adams,	45.84
Chas. H. Whiting,	2.50
F. W. Christiem,	3.20
F. M. Ambrose,	114.00
S. S. Taft, for A. Lovell & Co.,	8.00
Ginn & Co.,	9.81
S. S. Taft, for D. Appleton & Co.,	13.22
H. B. Knox,	6.85
Eimer & Amend,	21.14
Knight, Adams & Co.,	77.16
Boston School Supply Co.,	57.60
Geo. L. Hitchcock,	4.27
Adams & Ingraham,	1.80
Trudeau & Rivers,	1.60
S. S. Taft, for Winkley, Dresser & Co.,	20.00
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	\$758.17

## CONTINGENCIES.

C. B. Fisk & Co., printing,	\$14.75
N. K. Story, truant officer,	23.87
E. G. Murdock, census,	50.00
Town of Wilbraham, tuition, '85,	32.16
Town of Wilbraham, tuition, '86,	52.47
Silas Ruggles, freight,	3.15
Palmer Water Co.,	5.50
S. H. Brown, teaming,	3.00
Taft & Kenefick, insurance,	72.00
H. B. Knox, express, etc.,	2.20
S. Leach, use of piano,	3.00
O. P. Allen, services, etc.,	54.82
George O. Henry, pokers,	1.25
C. E. Shumway, truant officer,	4.00



E. B. Murdock, sundries,	.	.	.	\$ .98
A. M. Bond, sundries,	.	.	.	29.52
George A. Murdock, sundries,	.	.	.	1.90
C. F. Bosworth, sundries,	.	.	.	1.50
Samuel Brown, sundries,	.	.	.	1.95
C. S. Holden, sundries,	.	.	.	1.84
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				\$359.86

## TRANSPORTATION.

E. M. Bartlett,	.	.	.	.	\$44.00
Cornelius Sullivan,	.	.	.	.	21.00
James Lyons,	.	.	.	.	7.00
Patrick Ronan,	.	.	.	.	7.00
Timothy O'Keefe,	.	.	.	.	7.00
William O'Regan,	.	.	.	.	7.00
James Shea,	.	.	.	.	29.70
George Winchell,	.	.	.	.	30.00
A. R. Smith,	.	.	.	.	33.00
H. E. W. Clark,	.	.	.	.	7.54
A. Girouard,	.	.	.	.	75.60
George C. Buell,	.	.	.	.	15.00
George A. King,	.	.	.	.	9.33
C. E. Shumway,	.	.	.	.	56.00
C. F. Smith,	.	.	.	.	22.00
Nathaniel Talmadge,	.	.	.	.	14.00
B. F. Clark,	.	.	.	.	14.00
George D. Whiting,	.	.	.	.	18.00
E. G. Hastings,	.	.	.	.	11.00
Andrew Ramsden,	.	.	.	.	14.00
Mary E. Twiss,	.	.	.	.	15.00
C. M. Hanson,	.	.	.	.	14.00
Joseph Kerigan,	.	.	.	.	11.00
				<hr/>	\$ 482.17

## SALARIES.

H. A. Smith,	.	.	.	.	\$100.00
Silas Ruggles,	.	.	.	.	100.00
W. C. Green,	.	.	.	.	100.00
T. J. Sullivan,	.	.	.	.	100.00
George A. Murdock,	.	.	.	.	100.00
S. S. Taft,	.	.	.	.	100.00
				<hr/>	\$600.00



## STATEMENT OF SCHOOL FUND.

Appropriation for Teachers' salaries, . . . . .	\$10,000.00
Fuel, . . . . .	1,000.00
Care of school houses, . . . . .	600.00
Repairs, . . . . .	800.00
Text-books and supplies, . . . . .	1,000.00
Contingencies, . . . . .	700.00
Salaries of school committee, . . . . .	600.00
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	400.00
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Dog tax, . . . . .	\$343.32
Income from Massachusetts school fund, . . . . .	229.97
Merrick fund, . . . . .	34.34
H. A. Smith, for books, . . . . .	5.00
G. A. Murdock, for books, . . . . .	.50
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	\$15,713.13

## TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOLS.

Teachers' salaries, . . . . .	\$9,928.25
Fuel, . . . . .	582.07
Care of houses, . . . . .	569.36
Repairs, . . . . .	1,393.93
Text books and supplies, . . . . .	758.17
Contingencies, . . . . .	359.86
Salary of School Committee, . . . . .	600.00
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	482.17
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	\$14,673.81

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Teachers, . . . . .	\$10,500.00
Fuel, . . . . .	800.00
Care of houses, . . . . .	600.00
Text-books and supplies, . . . . .	800.00
Contingencies, . . . . .	700.00
Salary of committee, . . . . .	600.00
Repairs, . . . . .	1,000.00
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	\$15,000.00

# TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Average membership and Attendance, 1st Month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month.	Average Membership for the year.	Average Attendance for the year.	Enrolled No.
High,	H. B. Knox, Miss E. E. Kenerson, Assistant,	46 44 5	46 43	44 42 5	43 41 5	49 48 7	49 48 5	49 47 7	47 45	48 46 5	50 48	47 1	45 6	44
Palmer Grammar,	Margaret A. Sullivan,	47 43 7	45 37 5	40 32 6	62 5 59 7	62 58	58 53 9	61 57 2	61 53 3	59 56 4		51 1	50 25	47
Palmer Intermediate,	Ida A. Taft,	40 36	39 36	36 33	41 39	47 45	49 46	43 40	51 45	49 46		43 9	40 7	57
Second Primary,	Minnie S. Burleigh,	49 46 5	49 46	51 40	40 39	41 39	40 38 5	37 35	38 33	38 35		42 8	39	54
First Primary,	Abbie J. Wallis,	58 53 9	60 54 6	60 50 6	60 58	62 59 2	65 60 7	49 46 9	47 40 9	47 43 5		56 4	52	78
Thorndike Grammar,	Chas. E. Mongan, Chas. F. Bosworth,	36 6 32 2	36 32	35 9 32 9	26 5 23 8	29 23 4	36 7 31 6	32 5 27 4	33 9 29 1	31 26 5		33 1	28 8	50
Second Intermediate,	Mrs. A. C. Hamilton, Effe E. Smith,	26 8 22 1	31 5 26 2	30 25 2	36 32 4	35 7 30 8	35 30 5	32 5 27 9	31 22 5	31 24 5		32 2	26 9	49
First Intermediate,	Jennie R. Williston,	44 43 4	44 43 4	43 4 36 6	33 4 31 2	34 8 31	37 8 32 8	37 2 32 5	35 1 27 3	33 9 30		38 1	33 1	56
Second Primary,	Nellie H. Searle,	38 4 51	46 8 43 5	45 41 5	39 5 36 2	42 39	42 38	40 5 36	39 30	36 31		42 4	38	63
First Primary,	Mary E. Murdock,	52 2 48 8	54 7 50 4	50 45 7	58 7 55 3	63 6 57 9	58 6 56 1	50 7 43 9	52 4 41 2	51 9 47 2		53 6	49 6	80
Three Rivers Grammar	E. G. Ward,	19 45 18 1	19 25 17 7	18 17 25	30 28 55	30 75 28 5	32 15 31 1	32 5 30 45	33 5 29 75	31 55 30 25		27 46	25 74	32
Second Intermediate,	Nellie J. L. Chamberlain,	32 29	27 23	25 23	36 31	35 30	34 31	39 35	38 31	35 31		33 45	29 4	45
First Intermediate,	Helen L. Robinson,	23 3 20 9	21 3 17 7	19 17 1	29 5 28	30 26 5	29 75 26 2	24 1 22	25 25 21 1	25 5 22 5		25 3	22 4	28

# TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS---Continued.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Average membership and Attendance 1st month.	2d Month.	3d Month.	4th Month.	5th Month.	6th Month.	7th Month.	8th Month.	9th Month.	10th Month.	Average membership for the year.	Average Attendance for the year.	Enrolled No.
Third Primary,	Clara M Smith,	24 75	24 3	24 4	35	34 75	38	36 8	33 8	34 25		31 78	29 9	37
	Mrs. E. G. Ward,	23 75	21	22 7	34 5	31	35 4	35 4	32	33 5				
Second Primary,	Kate L. Webb,	40 75	41	41	37 2	40 4	40 4	48 8	47 9	52 15		43 3	38 7	60
	Frances Beauregard,	38 5	36	40	33 4	37	37	43 7	38	45 5				
First Primary,		56 70	74	74	57	56	55	40	46	49		55 2	49 3	130
	P. N. Nunn,	54 66	69	69	48	52 75	44 3	38	34	38 4				
Bondsville Grammar,	H. M. Sedgwick,	14 11	9	8	28	26	23	23	21	22		20 2	17 7	28
	Mrs. L. B. Ely,	13 10	8	26	24	23	23	18	18	19				
Intermediate,		35 5	36 5	32 5	25	25 5	26	23 4	24	25		28 2	26 3	43
	Laura T. Shumway,	34 35	30	30	23 6	24 7	24 75	22	20 5	22 5				
Second Primary,		29 95	30 25	28 45	29 3	30 35	27 47	25 85	28 5	28 87		28 77	26 61	34
	Mrs. N. C. Holdridge,	28 23	28 25	26 78	26 87	28 5	25 39	24 3	25 15	26 02				
First Primary,	Effie M. Herrick,	44 1	59 1	60	60 6	66 4	56 85	47 68	49 2	48		54 66	46 56	78
	Inez Burleigh,	40 1	51 4	56 5	54 4	57 3	44 31	37	34 9	40 2				
Wire Mill,	Hattie M. Blanchard,	30	32	31	36	37	29	33	31	27		31 77	25 8	49
	Ella C. Washburn,	28	28	22	31	29	25	28	19	22 3				
Palmer Center,	Bertha G. Randall,	23	24	21	23	21	22	24	20	19		22	18 77	29
	Hattie M. Blanchard,	22	21	18	22	18	20	20	15	13				
Blanchardville,	Mary Crook,	18	23	23	31	24	22	25	22	21		23 2	18 56	38
	Alice L. Abbe,	14 25	17 3	19	25 6	20 3	19	20	14 5	17				
Whiting,	E. M. Sprague,	19 95	19	19	15 75	16 15	12 25	14	14	14		15 9	13 4	26
	Effie E. Smith,	17 52	15 57	16 12	14 4	13 8	10 97	11	9 2	11 82				
Shaw,	Ella C. Washburn,	8	8	8	11	10	10	8	8	8		8 7	7 7	8
	Ernest F. Shaw,	8	7	7	9	7	9	8	7	8				
Mason,	Cora E. Brown,	17	17	15	12	12	12	9	10	10		12 7	11	24
	Annie E. Olney,	11 5	15 5	13 5	11 8	11	11 75	7 75	6 25	9 75				
Shoreley,	Nellie Mack,	10	10	9	10	9	8	10	9	8		9 2	7 3	13
		9	7	7	10	7	7	7	6	6				

Number of children in town May 1st, 1886, as shown by school census, between ages of five and fifteen, . . .	1164
Between eight and fifteen, . . . - . . .	735
Number enrolled, . . . . .	1280
Average membership, . . . . .	912
Average attendance, . . . . .	839

H. A. SMITH.	} <i>School</i> <i>Committee</i> <i>of Palmer.</i>
S. S. TAFT.	
T. J. SULLIVAN.	
GEORGE A. MURDOCK.	
W. C. GREEN.	
SILAS RUGGLES,	

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee for the year ending March 7, 1887, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. C. BUELL,	} Auditors.
CHAS. D. HOLBROOK,	



